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**Special Session (SS21) on:**  
*Innovation and Entrepreneurship*

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**The aim and scope of the special session:**

Innovation is the introduction and creation of something new, in the form of an idea, skill, product, service or process that helps to improve an organization or society. Both innovation and technological progress are commonly acknowledged to be principal means by which regions foster economic growth and competitiveness. Schumpeter was one of the first economists who focused innovation as the engine of economic growth. He spelled out the social conditions under which entrepreneurship could take off. Audretsch consequently states that entrepreneurship has become vital to economic and social development throughout the world. Both theoretical and empirical research on the impact of entrepreneurship on regional growth has developed considerably since the pioneer work of Schumpeter. The session on *innovation and entrepreneurship* hopes to bring in a wider view of innovation as new methods of creating value, and to emphasize on research that study innovative processes, organizational practices, systems, and other mechanisms that are related to operations in practice. This special session mainly focuses on sustainable development proposed by the United Nation. The development program has a purpose to meet the needs of all present and future generations who do not require to compromise and/or diminish their abilities to meet their own needs. The proposed session welcomes papers on topics which are however not limited to the following: (i) innovation and economic growth; (ii) entrepreneurship and economic growth; (iii) finance, technology diffusion, and economic growth; (iv) financial development and entrepreneurship; (v) technology, innovation, and competition; (vi) economics of information and communication technology (ICT) and innovation; (vii) technology and macroeconomic performance; (ix) technology forecasting and economic growth; (x) ICT and entrepreneurship; (xi) patenting in ICT markets; (xii) public policy, entrepreneurship and venture capital; (xiii) government, public policy and economic growth; (xiv) growth beyond GDP: finance for sustainable development; (xv) innovation, technology transfer and social entrepreneurship; (xvi) role of the state and public policy with regards to innovation and entrepreneurship; and (xvii) governmental and regional policies on innovation and entrepreneurship.

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